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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AIM-SIL	-	Asian Institute of Management – Social Innovation Laboratory
AMPA	-	Adopt and MPA
ARD	-	Assistant regional Director
ARMM	-	Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
BEMO	-	Bohol Environmental Management Office
BFAR	-	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
BuB	-	Bottom-up Budgeting
B+WISER	-	Biodiversity and Watershed Improvement for Stronger Economy and Ecosystem Resiliency
CAO	-	City Agriculture Office
CCRES	-	Capturing Coral Reef and Related Ecosystem Services
CCEF	-	Coastal Conservation Education Foundation
CFRM	-	Coastal and Fisheries Resources Management
CFV	-	Commercial Fishing Vessels
CI	-	Conservation International
CLE	-	Coastal Law Enforcement
CLEC	-	Coastal Law Enforcement Council
CLUP -	-	Comprehensive Water and Land Use Plan
COP	-	Chief of Party
COR	-	Contracting Officer's Representative
CTI	-	Coral Triangle Initiative
CRM	-	Coastal Resource Management
CRS	-	Community Relations Specialist
CSO	-	Civil Society Organization
DA	-	Department of Agriculture
DCOP	-	Deputy Chief of Party
DDBRMC	-	Danajon Double barrier Reef Management Council
DENR	-	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DILG	-	Department of Interior and Local Government
DOST	-	Department of Science and Technology
DSWD	-	Department of Social Welfare and development
EAFM	-	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
ECOFISH	-	Ecosystems Improved for Sustainable Fisheries
ELAC	-	Environmental Legal Assistance Center
ENRO	-	Environmental and Natural Resources Office
FAD	-	Fisheries Assessment Database
FARMC	-	Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council
FGD	-	Focus Group Discussion
FIMC	-	Fisheries Information Management Center
FishR	-	National System on National Fisherfolk Registration
FMO	-	Fisheries Management Office
FLET	-	Fishery Law Enforcement Team
FRMD	-	Fisheries Resources Management Division
GIZ	-	German Society for International Cooperation

GPH	-	Government of the Philippines
GPS	-	Global Positioning System
HIPADA	-	Hinatuan Passage Development Alliance
ICTO	-	Information and Communications Technology Office
IEC	-	Information, Education and Communication
IR	-	Intermediate Result
LCE	-	Local Chief Executive
LGU	-	Local Government Unit
LMP	-	League of Municipal of the Philippines
LPRAT	-	Local Poverty Reduction Action Team
MA	-	Municipal Agriculturist
MAO	-	Municipal Agriculture Office
MARINA	-	Maritime Industry Development Authority
MARPSTA	-	Maritime Police Station
MCLET	-	Municipal Law Enforcement Team
MDC	-	Municipal Development Council
MDRRMC	-	Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council
MEAT	-	Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool
MENRO	-	Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
MEPU	-	Marine Environment Pollution Unit
MERF	-	Marine Environment Resources Foundation
MFARMC	-	Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic resources Resource Management Council
MFO	-	Municipal Fisheries Officer
MKBA	-	Marine Key Biodiversity Area
MOA	-	Memorandum of Agreement
MOU	-	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	-	Marine Protected Area
MPDC	-	Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
MRDP	-	Mindanao Rural Development Program
MSU	-	Mindanao State University
NAPC	-	National Anti Poverty Commission
NFBS	-	National Fisheries Biological Station
NFRDI	-	National Fisheries Research Development Institute
NSAP	-	National Stock Assessment Program
NTC	-	National Telecommunication Commission
OPA	-	Office of the Provincial Agriculturist
OPAG	-	Office of the Provincial Agriculturist
PAC	-	Provincial Agriculture Coordinator
PACPI	-	Philippine Association of Crab Processors, Inc.
PAO	-	Provincial Agriculture Office
PAWB	-	Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau
PCG	-	Philippine Coast Guard
PCGA	-	Philippine Coast Guard Auxilliary
PCRA	-	Participatory Coastal Resources Assessment
PCSD	-	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
PDRRMC	-	Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council

PEDO	-	Provincial Environmental Desk Officer
PEMO	-	Provincial Environmental Management Office
PFO	-	Provincial Fisheries Office
PGENRO	-	Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office
PHIVOLCS	-	Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology
PMES	-	Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Section
PNP	-	Philippine National Police
PNP-MG	-	Philippine national Police – Maritime Group
PO	-	Peoples Organization
PPDO	-	Provincial Planning and Development Office
PPO	-	Police Province Office
PPP	-	Public Private Partnership
QRT	-	Quick Response Team
RMU	-	Regional management Unit
SEAT	-	Socioeconomic Assessment Tools
SEEM	-	Socio-Economic and Environment Management
SEP	-	Strategic Environmental Plan
SB	-	Sangguniang Bayan (Municipal Council)
SBU	-	Special Boat Unit
SLP	-	Sustainable Livelihood Program
SMRR	-	State of the Marine Resource Report
SNCDMC	-	Southern Negros Coastal Development and Management Council
SP	-	Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Council)
TAG	-	Technical Advisory Group
TK	-	Tanggol Kalikasan (Defense of Nature)
TVWS	-	Television White Space
TWG	-	Technical Working Group
UniLab	-	United Laboratories
UPMSI	-	University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute
UPVFI	-	University of the Philippines in the Visayas Foundation Incorporated
USAID	-	United States Agency for International Development
VIP	-	Verde Island Passage
WCPFC	-	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WPEA	-	Western Pacific East Asia
WWF	-	World Wildlife Fund

1. Introduction

The technical assistance and services contract was awarded to Tetra Tech for the implementation of USAID/Philippines' Ecosystems Improved for Sustainable Fisheries (ECOFISH) Project in June 29, 2012, under contract number AID-492-C-12-00008. The main objective of the ECOFISH Project is to improve the management of important coastal and marine resources and associated ecosystems that support local economies. The ECOFISH Project is intended to foster fishing sector reforms through the application of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) in larger marine conservation areas and involving clusters of Local Government Units (LGUs). It will promote the growth and restore the profitability of fisheries through conservation of ecosystem health and effective management.

The ECOFISH Project is in line with the current U.S. Country Assistance Strategy with respect to assistance directed at reducing threats to biodiversity and improving natural resources and environment. The ECOFISH Project is expected to contribute to achieving "Development Objective 3: Environmental Resilience Improved," particularly "IR3.2 Natural Resources and Environmental Management Improved" of the results framework of USAID/Philippine Mission's Country Development Cooperation Strategy (2012-2016). The Project is also designed to contribute to priority goals and actions laid out in the Philippine Development Plan (2011-2016) particularly Chapter 4 (Competitive and Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries), and Chapter 10 (Protection, Conservation and Rehabilitation of Environment and Natural Resources). This five-year project will provide technical assistance to the Government of the Philippines (GPH), through the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) and implemented in partnership with selected LGUs.

This report is a brief quarterly update covering the period 01 October – 31 December 2013. It consists of a monthly calendar of activities for the quarter and discussion of important accomplishments and priority implementation issues.

2. Project Objectives

The main objective of the ECOFISH Project is to improve the management of important coastal and marine resources and associated ecosystems that support local economies. It will conserve biological diversity, enhance ecosystem productivity and restore profitability of fisheries in eight marine key biodiversity areas (MKBAs) using the ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) as a cornerstone of improved social, economic and environmental benefits.

The application of EAFM principles and practices is a proven approach for reversing the decline of fish biomass in municipal waters and build community resilience. EAFM aims to manage fisheries at ecosystem scales rather than the scales defined by jurisdictional boundaries. Effective collaborative governance arrangements for EAFM provides the multiple benefits of improving ecosystem management, reducing the unit costs of management, and making the establishment of

sustainable financing mechanisms and public-private partnerships (PPPs) more feasible and attractive to investors. Development of PPPs is a key strategy of the Philippine Development Plan.

The ECOFISH Project is designed to make an impact in eight MKBAs in the country, namely: (1) the Calamianes Group of Islands MKBA, (2) Lingayen Gulf MKBA, (3) Ticao Pass – Lagonoy Gulf - San Bernardino Strait MKBA, (4) Danajon Reef MKBA, (5) South Negros MKBA, (6) Surigao del Sur and Surigao del Norte MKBA, (7) Tawi-Tawi in the Sulu Archipelago MKBA, and (8) Verde Island Passage MKBA. They represent all six marine bio-regions of the Philippines and were selected due to their extremely high need for marine biodiversity conservation. These areas are marine ecosystem “hotspots” in the Philippines that mirror the common issues impacting capture fisheries locally and nationally.

3. Monthly Calendar of Key Activities

3.1 National Level Activities

October 2013	
01 October	Conducted 3-day business planning training in Tagbilaran, Bohol that generated 5 draft community-based business plans. Meeting with EKO Asset Management Partners and COR on fostering investment opportunities in sustainable fisheries practices.
03 October	Meeting with PNP-MG on ECOFISH support for Adopt an MPA (AMPA) Program, and MOA signing between PNP-MG, BFAR and PAWB.
04 October	Meeting with academe and various partners on NAPC Poverty Reduction Strategy for the Fisheries Sector. Provided input to NAPC's approach to determining fisheries activities in support of poverty reduction schemes.
07 October	Meeting with DSWD-SLP on possible activities for collaboration in ECOFISH sites.
09 October	Participated in NAPC-sponsored workshop in Sorsogon on BuB and activities for poverty reduction strategies.
11 October	Training of technical staff of BFAR, NFRDI, MV DA-BFAR, Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the analysis of data collected during the recent trawl surveys of Visayan Sea.
14 October	Served as member of the panel of judges of BFAR's Museakahan and SeaNima Contest in observance of Fish Conservation Week. Scoping meeting with Dr. Gavino Trono and UP-MSI scientists on seaweeds culture for livelihood activities.
15 October	Participated in DSWD-SLP Social Innovation Forum in Eastwood, Quezon City.

16 October	Meeting of the TWG for the seasonal closure of small pelagics in the Verde Island Passage (VIP) and presentation of the VIP fisheries status, issues and proposed interventions. Meeting with AIM-SIL to discuss possible mentorship program for community-based business plan partners.
17 October	COP meeting at the USAID office. Presented the TV White Space Partnership between DOST, Microsoft and ECOFISH.
18 October	MOA signing for AMPA among PNP-MG, BFAR and PAWB (ECOFISH as witness).
22 October	Meeting with GIZ Fishing Vessel Registration Program to share and discuss ideas on prospective mobile fishing vessel and gear registration partnership with SMART.
23 October	Presented Fisheries as Renewable Resources and the concept of Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) during the Baywide Management Workshop for San Miguel Bay.
24 October	Conducted orientation on EO305 during the Fish Conservation Week celebration in South Negros.
25 October	TV White Space connectivity made available in Tubigon to assist relief staging area.
29 October	Presented case study from the FISH Project on fish refugia, MPAs and Zoning as tools used in managing fisheries in the Philippines during the Regional Symposium on Ecosystem Approaches to the Management and Conservation of Fisheries and Marine Biodiversity.
30 October	Fishery Law Enforcement training in Negros Oriental. FishR launch in San Fernando, La Union.
November 2013	
05 November	Assisted in documentation and release of turtles from apprehended poachers by the PNP-MG in Sitangkai, Tawi-Tawi. Meeting with Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) regarding continuation of support to the Danajon Double Barrier Reef Management Council (DDBRMC). Meeting with DOST-ICTO TV White Space Program Officer to turn over proposed list of public schools and buildings for TV White Space connectivity and mobile registration.
08 November	Scoping meeting with the World Bank funded CCRES Project on livelihood activities.
12 November	Reviewed the proposed activities and research needs of the West Pacific East Asia (WPEA) Project with BFAR-NFRDI and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) representative. PNP-MG planning meeting on launching and implementing AMPA.
13 November	Meeting with the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) regarding LMP support to formation/establishment of inter-LGU alliances for fisheries management. Discussed the theory and current science of EAFM during the BFAR Fisheries Resource Management Division (BFAR-FRMD) national consultative conference in Subic.

	Visited earthquake hit Bohol, surveyed damaged areas and installed TV White Space hubs in Tubigon relief center.
14 November	Meeting with Ocean Care Foundation on its role as a force multiplier for law enforcement in the Cebu side of Danajon Bank MKBA. Discussed EAFM application and operationalizing its elements and activities during the BFAR Fisheries Resource Management Division (BFAR-FRMD) national consultative conference in Subic.
15 November	Turned over 5 Windows-powered ACER tablets to BFAR-7 to be used in assistance for recovery from earthquake.
17 November	Scoping meeting with potential NGO partner for Calamianes enterprise development.
18 November	Workshop on MPAs in Sipalay, South Negros.
19 November	Visayan Sea Summit in Iloilo City, discussed FLE in Southern Negros with BFAR, Negros Occidental governor and PNP-MG.
20 November	Meeting with B+WISER on mangrove management, upland management, and land use zoning in Calamianes Island Group.
26 November	PNP-MG RMUs orientation and launching of AMPA. Review of regional reports and stock specific assessments during the BFAR-NFRDI-NSAP Year-end Review and Planning.
27 November	Presented the framework of the State of the Marine Resource Report (SMRR) and the role of information generated by NSAP. Presented the reference points and the trophic index as reference point used in ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) during the BFAR-NFRDI-NSAP Year-end Review and Planning.
28 November	Technical briefing with SMART, PNP and PNP-MG on InfoBoard partnership. Presented Ecopath with Ecosim (EwE) as next NSAP assessment tool and its practical application to right-sizing of fishing effort during the BFAR-NFRDI-NSAP Year-end Review and Planning.
29 November	Launch of BFAR's AHON! 10,000 boats for 20,000 fisherfolk families affected by Yolanda.
December 2013	
02 December	Graduation rites of PNP-MG and launching of the Adopt a Marine Protected Area Project in PNP-MG Training facility in Mabini, Batangas. Meeting with COR on update and refinement of ECOFISH Performance Monitoring Plan.
03 December	Fisheries Law Enforcement Training in La Union for the Lingayen Gulf MKBA. Meeting with USAID and Microsoft to discuss potential expansion of TV White Space connectivity to Typhoon hit areas in Leyte and Samar. Meeting with WWF representatives to discuss potential partnership on fiber boat construction and capacity building for Typhoon hit areas in Calamianes. Site visit of coastal areas in the focal site and neighboring municipalities affected by the 7.2 earthquake in Danajon Bank.
04 December	Public forum by PHIVOLCS and UPMSI in Tagbilaran City on earthquake and storm surge for the province of Bohol and Cebu.

06 December	Meeting of the Sardines TWG on the consolidation of scientific recommendations for the closed season of sardines in Zamboanga waters.
09 December	Facilitated visit of USAID Asia Bureau Assistant Deputy Director Greg Beck to inspect relief efforts in Bohol and demonstrated the TV White Space support to such efforts. Meetings with MDRRMCs in Calamianes; briefing on AMPA for Maritime Police Station in Calamianes.
11 December	Meeting with Dr. Azuma, deputy Chief of SEAFDEC AQD on the proposed restocking of Napoleon wrass in Danajon Bank. Provided overall facilitation, IEC and technical inputs on registration and licensing and BUB during the Negros Occidental Fisherfolk Summit.
12 December	Presented the value of fisheries registration and licensing during the Negros Occidental Fisherfolk Congress. Workshop on the development of the Socioeconomic Assessment Tools (SEAT) at UPMSI. Meeting with BFAR Director Asis Perez to update him on all on-going PPPs, discussed future directions, and turned over 3 Windows-powered ACER tablets to BFAR.
13 December	Training of researchers on Coastal Fisheries Stock Assessment particularly on the principles and estimation of fish population parameters and stock assessment tools and models. Facilitated a meeting with PNP-MG and SMART to finalize draft protocols for use of the InfoBoard for enhanced enforcement operations.
16 December	Day 1 of ECOFISH team training and planning. Site updates and briefing on facilitating workshops and training.
17 December	Day 2 of ECOFISH team training and planning. Presentation of preliminary results of fisheries, socioeconomic, governance and enforcement baseline assessments. Training on rolling out of the establishment of MPAs, network of MPAs, fisheries use zoning, catch monitoring, gear and species management.
18 December	Day 3 of ECOFISH team training and planning. Training on rolling out of establishment of enforcement teams, capacity building of inter-LGU enforcement teams, fish examiners training, fisheries registration and licensing, local legislation and administrative adjudication, constituency building, and inter-LGU fisheries management planning.
19 December	Day 4 of ECOFISH team training and planning. Training on rolling out of revenue generating mechanisms, sustainable financing, and strategic partnerships. Planning of roll out activities in each MKBA.
20 December	Day 5 of ECOFISH team training and planning. Continuation of planning of roll out activities. Reporting of roll out activities. Administrative matters.

3.2. Site-Level Activities

3.2.1. Calamianes Island Group

October 2013	
01 October	Meeting with Municipal Agriculturist and SB Chair on Education of Busuanga to follow up schedule of validation of zones & expansion areas in the municipality.
02 October	Coordinated the courtesy meeting with Gov. Alvarez of Palawan. Provided technical assistance in the collection of community business plan information.
03 October	Monthly Calamianes team meeting (ECOFISH and representatives of BFAR, DENR, and PAC).
06 October	Meeting with key Leaders of Balisungan MPA to discuss the re-organization of the council and next steps.
07 October	Meeting with CON-SAG-BOG Hanginan Business Plan. Follow up mentoring was made in the refinement of their business plan and the next step activities. Participated in the CSO general assembly and LPRAT membership meeting in Busuanga. Although ECOFISH was not nominated as member of LPRAT, the ECOFISH-assisted PO was elected. Meeting with newly appointed PNP Chief of Busuanga on project enforcement activities being implemented in the municipality and oriented him about the Leahy vetting process and documentation.
08 October	Courtesy meeting with Palawan Governor Alvarez to introduce the project and discuss potential collaboration. Attended the CSO general assembly and LPRAT membership meeting in Culion. ECOFISH project was elected as member of LPRAT.
09 October	Attended the management council meeting in Barangay Baldat, Culion and provided brief presentation on ECOFISH project. Business plan mentoring in Busuanga-Arandeman to discuss refinement of business plan and next steps. They agreed to make samples of the souvenirs they want to produce out of the materials available to them and meet after a month to present the samples and try to market it to existing shops in Coron and Busuanga to come up with the designs that would sell best and its quantity for possible production.
10 October	Attended BFARMC re-organization in Sitio Canimango Barangay Galoc, Culion and provided information about ECOFISH project.
16 October	Courtesy meeting and consultation of project year 2 workplan with SB members of Culion. The LGU showed willingness to make a resolution for the Chief Executive to enter into a MOU with ECOFISH if the latter would find it necessary to enhance the partnership between the two parties. Meeting with Mayor of Culion and department heads to follow up the enforcement-related activities and MPA management.

17 October	Business Plan Mentoring in Culion-PATEBAS & Mud Crab Champ followed by site visit to the proposed area and further discussions as to what would be the next steps. Meeting with PNP personnel in Culion to follow up formation of coastal law enforcement team and briefing on Leahy vetting process and documentation.
18 October	Meeting with Municipal Administrator of Coron to discuss project related activities.
23 October	Meeting with enforcement team leader in Coron to discuss the upcoming enforcement activities and briefing about the results of enforcement assessment in Calamianes.
24 October	Meeting with Ms. Elsa Cruz of BFAR to update her about the progress of the project and upcoming activities.
25 October	Coordinated schedule of validation of zones and mapping of expansion areas.
28 October	Coordinated preparation for MFARMC re-organization.
29 October	Participated in the orientation of CSO representative MDC and LPRAT. ECOFISH was selected as member of LPRAT in Coron. Meeting with PAC to finalize confirmation of participants and flow of the program for MFARMC re-organization. Calamianes team meeting to select potential model for municipal fishery law enforcement.
30 October	Organized and facilitated the orientation of FAO 196 and MFARMC re-organization in Coron, interim MFARMC was formed and action plans were formulated. ECOFISH project SEP clearance has been approved by the Chairman of PCSD council.
November 2013	
06 November	Coordinated the upcoming validation of water use zones.
07 November	Meeting with Samuel Madamba together with Elsa Cruz, BFAR, Gerry Gevela, PA Coordinator to discuss the results of the MFARMC re-organization and updates on ECOFISH project.
13 November 14 November 15 November 18 November	Facilitated the gathering of disaster reports from LGU partners and forwarded it to concerned agencies, private individuals and groups to solicit support. Assisted NGO partners in the relief assistance for Calamianes. Coordinated relief operations with Philippine Marines, UniLab, LGU partners and Project PAGLAUM. Coordinated with BFAR and UPMSI the reported fish kill incident in Bgy Bogtong, Busuanga.
21 November	Facilitated the repacking and distribution of relief goods from Project PAGLAUM.
22 November	Meeting with Ms. Elsa Cruz of BFAR to update her about the progress of the project and upcoming activities.
24 November	Facilitated the delivery of relief goods to Busuanga.
26 November	Meeting with Regional Director of BFAR Region 4B to provide project updates and discussed potential livelihood assistance for the victims of typhoon Yolanda particularly the fisherfolks.
28 November	Facilitated the repacking of relief goods from Tetra Tech Manila Office.

	Coordinated the plans for USAID Contract Officer site visit in Calamianes.
December 2013	
02 December	Coordinated the postponement of visit of USAID contract officer to Calamianes. Facilitated the delivery and distribution of relief goods in Brgy. Malawig, Coron. Assisted the gathering of names of fishers in Barangays of Malawig and Buenavista affected by typhoon Yolanda as per request of BFAR Region 4B Director.
04 December	Meeting with PCGA, Malampaya Foundation and Coron Village Lodge regarding relief and recovery assistance being implemented in Coron to ensure that there is no duplication and determine the type of assistance each organization will be providing.
05 December	Meeting with MPA wardens in Concepcion and actual visit to their MPA area to check the status of coral reefs. Documented the status of Baklad and validated the extent of reported fish kill incident in Barangays Concepcion and Bogtong, Busuanga. Handshake with newly elected barangay officials of Concepcion, Bogtong and Sagrada. Meeting with Mayor Clara Reyes of Coron regarding ECOFISH experts visit and type of assistance that the project will be providing for the municipality.
06 December	Meeting with Municipal Agriculturist of Busuanga to check on the status of FishR implementation in the municipality. Due to the typhoon the FishR implementation has been deferred. Conducted FAD orientation with fish catch data encoder. Preparation of reports for team meeting.
08 December	Meeting with Busuanga MDRRMC regarding ECOFISH short-term and long-term assistance to the municipality. Status of typhoon damage in the municipality was also presented.
09 December	Meeting with Coron Mayor Clara Reyes regarding ECOFISH short-term and long-term assistance to the Municipality. Facilitated the delivery of water purifier in Barangay Lajala with assistance from the Municipal Health Office of Coron. Conducted briefing with PNP Maritime Commander in Calamianes regarding roles and responsibilities of the agency in the AMPA project as stipulated in the MOU among BFAR, PNP-MG and DENR-PAWB.
10 December	Meeting with MDRRMC in Culion regarding ECOFISH short-term and long-term assistance. Status of typhoon damage in the municipality was also presented.
11 December 12 December	Attended the LPRAT planning workshop in Culion. Meeting with Municipal Mayor of Linapacan and selected department heads to follow up the formation of enforcement team, requested data for fisheries profile and scheduling of upcoming activities for 2014.
13 December	Handshake with newly-elected barangay officials of Linapacan.

	Meeting with PNP personnel in Linapacan to follow up formation of coastal law enforcement team and briefing on Leahy vetting process and documentation.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for Calamianes Island Group MKBA were refined. Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.
26 December	Meeting with Barangay Head of Buenavista, Coron to get the list of fisherfolks with damaged boats.
27 December	Meeting with Barangay Head of Malawig, Coron to get the list of fisherfolks with damaged boats.

3.2.2. Danajon Reef

October 2013	
01 October	Preparation and review on the flow of business planning workshop with PPP thematic lead and BFAR, and orientation of the identified enumerators prior to the workshop.
02 October 03 October	Assisted and facilitated the PPP thematic lead during the two day business planning workshop that resulted into drafting of business plans.
04 October	Briefing and orientation with MPA baseline assessment team of UPVFI including the selection of MPA areas to be assessed. Meeting with BFAR Provincial Director, Sector Head of BEMO, Provincial Fishery Division Head, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, CMMO chief of DENR on plans and activities in celebration of the 50 th Fish Conservation Week.
04 October 07 October 08 October	Assisted and facilitated the actual conduct of MPA baseline assessment.
07 October	Presented the ECOFISH Project during SB session at the Municipality of Clarin for the newly elected officials. Meeting with the Municipal Mayor and CFRM TWG of Talibon regarding the planned activities during the Fish Conservation Week celebration.
08 October 09 October 10 October	Research on the existing references and materials for municipal fishery profiles of the focal area.
11 October	Coordinated with ELAC and enforcement thematic lead in the conduct of consultation meeting with the enforcement teams, lawyers and judges in support of the litigation process.
14 October	Coordinated and participated in the 50 th Fish Conservation Week in Talibon. Presented the framework of ECOFISH project.
15 October 16 October 17 October 18 October	Magnitude 7.2 earth quake occurred with epicenter near the ECOFISH focal area in Danajon Bank. Coordinated with DCOP regarding safety of the site team, status of the office and proposed relief effort.

	Coordinated with the PDRRMC on the system of distribution of relief goods. Coordinated with Cebu and Manila Office regarding the relief effort and the distribution of relief goods in the project site.
22 October 23 October 24 October	All major ECOFISH activities were put on hold. Focused work on research on the existing references and materials for municipal fishery profiles of the focal area
25 October 26 October 27 October	Volunteered with the PDRRMC in the distribution of relief goods.
28 October 29 October 30 October	Continued collection of materials and information for the Fisheries profiling.
November 2013	
05 November	Discussed with the Provincial officials regarding the installation of TVWS Super Wifi to support the communication facility for quick response of relief operations.
10 November 11 November	Series of meetings with provincial officials regarding the presentation on the concept of TVWS and updates of BFAR-ECOFISH project and other agenda with the Governor.
13 November	Meeting with Governor, PPP Specialist and Enforcement Specialist to brief him on the concept of TVWS, installation of the super Wifi, and updates on ECOFISH project activities in Danajon Bank particularly on the relief efforts.
14 November	Coordinated with Manila office regarding the invitation of the resource speakers from PHIVOLCS, UP Marine Science Institute, PAG-ASA, and DOST for the Public Forum on Disasters, Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity.
18 November	Meeting with Lyra Versoza on seminar for psychosocial, post traumatic, and stress management.
19 November	Meeting with Provincial Director of BFAR on priority projects of BFAR for year 2014. Coordinated with Cebu office on relief goods for earth quake affected families in the project site.
20 November	Conducted LGU visit and discuss with the Municipal Mayors and MDRRMC members regarding the distribution of relief goods from ECOFISH.
21 November	Coordinated with IEC thematic lead on the details of the Public Forum on Disasters, Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity.
27 November 28 November 29 November	Facilitated the conduct of validation on draft business plan in the municipality of Getafe, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, and Tubigon.
December 2013	
02 December	Facilitated the delivery of invitation letters for the Public Forum to the 16 municipalities of Bohol heavily affected by the earth quake.
03 December	Facilitated the delivery of letters to PDRRMC and other provincial partners. Prepared forum kits and finalized the venue.

04 December	Facilitated with the Provincial Government of Bohol and PDRRMC the conduct of Public Forum on Disasters, Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity.
05 December	Meeting with the Municipal Mayor and MDRRMC members of LGU Tubigon on schedule and purpose of visit of USAID Assistant Deputy Administrator for Asia Bureau, USAID-Philippines Mission Director.
06 December	Consultation meeting with Board of Directors of Inabanga Employees Cooperative, CFRM TWG on the possible incorporation of fishers organizations for enterprise development.
09 December	Preparatory meeting with the Municipal Mayor, municipal officials, USAID, and ECOFISH team on the visit of USAID Team in areas affected by the earthquake.
10 December	Coordinated and facilitated the conduct of dialogue with USAID Assistant Deputy Administrator for Asia Bureau, USAID-Philippines, ECOFISH, Tubigon municipal officials, MDRRMC and stakeholders on the impacts of the earthquake and typhoon Haiyan on coastal ecosystem and livelihoods.
11 December	Meeting with Bohol and Leyte CRS in the preparation of accomplishment reports and presentation during ECOFISH Team training in Cebu.
12 December	Discuss with MAO and Fishery Officer of Tubigon regarding the data of the MPA MEAT evaluation.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for the Danajon Bank MKBA were refined. Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.
23 December	Coordinate with PPP team on cover letter requesting the Provincial Governor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.
26 December	Meeting with the Provincial Head of SEEM cluster on her final comment and recommendation of the MOU on blue crab management.
27 December	Meeting with the Provincial Legal Officer on the process of reviewing and endorsement of the MOU to the SP.
30 December	Meeting with the Administrative Officer of Governor's office to follow up the comments of the MOU from the Provincial Legal Officer.

3.2.3. Lingayen Gulf

October 2013	
01 October 02 October	Organized and conducted meetings with La Union OPAG, San Fernando City CAO, BFAR- ECOFISH team in preparation for the MOU signing with the Mayors and Governor of La Union. Discussed and agreed with BFAR Regional Director the proposal of the Governor of Pangasinan to include all coastal municipalities in Pangasinan as ECOFISH expansion area. The draft MOU with the Provincial Government was revised to incorporate the inclusion.
03 October 07 October	Provided assistance in defining MPA capacity building during ECOFISH and PNP-MG meeting on launching and implementation of AMPA project in the

	area. Agreed on the inclusion of PNP-MG personnel in Pangasinan and La Union in the MPA training activities of the project. Vetting forms were prepared for the PNP-MG.
08 October 09 October	Conducted meetings and activity planning with BFAR Region 1 for the participation of ECOFISH in the celebration of Fish Conservation Week.
10 October 11 October	Revised and finalized 4 training designs proposed to be conducted for BFAR and LGU staff on the conduct of fisheries management planning and MPA assessment and strengthening for resilience and adaptive management. The training designs were put on hold pending engagement of partner academic institution under SAF and improvement of EAFM training design drawing from designs utilized in the CTI.
10 October 11 October 12 October	Facilitated the delivery of letters for LGUs and other partners regarding the MOU signing ceremony during the FishR launching in San Fernando City.
14 October 16 October	Delivered lecture on Fundamentals of Fisheries Management during Fish Conservation Week celebration and FARMC Regional Convention. During the lecture, the objectives and work program of the ECOFISH Project were also presented.
17 October 18 October	Conducted meeting with the BFAR team to refine preparations and roles for MOU signing and ECOFISH support to FishR launching. IEC materials were requested and prepared for distribution during the event.
21 October	Facilitated signing of vetting forms by PNP-MG personnel in Dagupan City.
23 October	Conducted lecture on Fundamentals of Fisheries Management during the Fish Warden Training for Pangasinan, organized and delivered by BFAR Region 1 but funded by Pangasinan OPAG.
24 October	Conducted partners meeting with PNP Regional Command, San Fernando City Agriculturist and La Union Provincial Agriculturist to present ECOFISH year 2 work plan. Commitments for collaboration were renewed.
29 October	Finalized preparations and coordination for MOU signing and support to FishR launching.
30 October 31 October	Launching of the FishR and MOU signing with 7 La Union LGUs and the Governor of the Province and the Alaminos, Pangasinan MOU.
November 2013	
04 November 05 November 06 November 07 November	Provided assistance to San Bernardino Strait MKBA regarding the formulation of concept paper for engagement of academic institution for conduct of MPA assessments and training for MPA establishment and management. A draft training design for basic MPA training was also prepared.
08 November 11 November	Finalized workshop design, LGU invitation letters for Coastal Law Enforcement Assessment and Workshop. Finalized revised version of MPA training design that incorporates MPA assessment methods. The conduct of the training has been put off until a partner institution is engaged under SAF.
12 November	Prepared training materials for Fish Warden Training for San Fernando City. The ECOFISH lecture on Fundamentals of Fisheries Management has been incorporated by BFAR into its basic fish warden training design.

13 November	Conducted lecture on ECOFISH and Fundamentals of Fisheries Management for fish warden trainees of San Fernando City.
14 November	Conducted various meetings with BFAR team and OPAG to flesh out the details and activities covered by the MOU.
15 November	Finalized ECOFISH orientation design for Pangasinan LGUs. Discussed MOU work plan with Alaminos CAO and fisheries staff.
18 November	Conducted site visits to expansion municipalities in eastern Pangasinan and discussed the conduct of ECOFISH and Fisheries Management Orientation for Pangasinan LGUs with fisheries staff of PAO.
19 November	
20 November	
28 November	Conducted meeting with SB for Fisheries of Aringay Municipality to discuss fisheries management planning workshop, MPA and MFARMC orientation.
29 November	Delivered lecture on Fundamentals of Fisheries Management for MFARMC, with 35 participants in attendance.
December 2013	
02 December	Facilitated the conduct of ECOFISH CLE Assessment Workshop. Immediate output was the strengthening of coordination mechanisms between the PNP and PNP-MG and the local government units, particularly with San Fernando City. The PNP-MG's AMPA Project in Region 1 was launched during the workshop.
03 December	
04 December	
11 December	Review of work plan and progress of implementation in preparation for ECOFISH year-end review, training and planning workshop.
12 December	
13 December	
16 December	Participated in year-end review, training and planning workshop. The Lingayen Gulf MKBA presented three 'roll-out' strategies: the revival and strengthening of a Lingayen Gulf alliance of LGUs as a conduit for fisheries licensing, CLE collaboration and formulation of Provincial Fisheries Management Plan, showcasing of successful fisheries law enforcement and habitat protection initiatives, and initiation of alternative and supplemental livelihoods development.
17 December	
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20 December	

3.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf

October 2013	
01 October	Attended the Sorsogon SP Agriculture and Fisheries Committee hearing for the drafting of an integrated fisheries ordinance.
03 October	Reviewed past and present non-capture fisheries and marine-based income generating projects implemented by fishers as individual or as group.
06 October	
07 October	Assisted in the conduct of UPMSI-MERF hydrographic survey of Sta Magdalena, Matnog and Bulan.
08 October	
09 October	
07 October	Meeting with San Vicente LGU officials, Chief of Police and MFARMC regarding law enforcement issues, especially commercial ringnet encroachment, and the proposal to establish MPAs in Destacado and Naranjo Islands.
08 October	
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11 October	

	Monitored the conduct of FishR in the various municipalities of the focal area. Collected the Leahy vetting forms accomplished by 16 PNP personnel.
18 October	Met BFAR Region 8 officials regarding Biri LGU's request for a patrol boat.
20 October 22 October	Made arrangements for the November PPP business planning to be attended by PO and LGU representatives (the training was later put on hold by the PPP team).
23 October 25 October 29 October	Facilitated the monitoring and payment of salaries of the socio-economic assessment household survey enumerators (Sta Magdalena, Matnog, Capul and Bulan).
November 2013	
04 November	Reviewed results of coral reef survey in Capul, Biri, and San Vicente done by BFAR Region 8 staff. The survey estimated the live coral cover in 6 proposed MPAs.
05 November 06 November	BFAR Region 8 staff conducted an orientation on fishery laws for San Vicente officials and provided clarification on "superlight" operation in municipal waters.
15 November	Updated BFAR Region 5, through the ARD, on the status of the project.
20 November	Conducted ECOFISH Project orientation with the new PNP Provincial Director.
21 November	Conducted ECOFISH Project orientation with Mayor Jocelyn Barreda-Gallanosa of Sta. Magdalena (who replaced Mayor Gamos who was dismissed by the Ombudsman for graft and corruption).
20 November 21 November 22 November 23 November	Meeting with Chief of Police and personnel of the municipalities of Sta. Magdalena, Bulan and Matnog on the orientation and filling up of Leahy vetting forms.
December 2013	
02 December	Established a field office at Fernando's Mall, Sorsogon City that is more accessible to project partners.
03 December	Maps indicating law enforcement issues in the focal area are shared with LGU and BFAR partners.
09 December	Provided updates on ECOFISH to BFAR Region 5.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for the San Bernardino - Lagonoy Gulf – Ticao Pass MKBA were refined. Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.

3.2.5. Southern Negros

October 2013	
01 October 02 October 03 October	Prepared proposal, facilitated administrative and logistic needs and coordinated with BFAR, PNP-MG, LGUs and ECOFISH thematic leads in preparation for the Forum on Fisheries Registration, Licensing and

	Permitting System in Siaton and Basay and the CLE training for 3rd District CLEC of Negros Oriental.
23 October 24 October	In partnership with BFAR Region 7 and Negros Oriental PFO and PNP-MG 702 nd Unit, sponsored and conducted the Fisheries Registration, Licensing and Permitting System Forum in Siaton and Basay as part of the 50 th Fish Conservation Week. The forum was conducted for stakeholders to have a better understanding of the key features and prohibited acts in the Fisheries Code; appreciate the need for registration, licensing and permitting systems in fisheries; and to be familiar with the necessary steps and requirements for registration and licensing for both municipal and commercial fisheries.
29 October 30 October 31 October	Conducted CLE training in collaboration with the PNP-MG, DILG, Bayawan City Prosecutor's Office, BFAR Region 7 and the CLEC of the 3rd District of Negros Oriental. The training included basic coastal and fishery laws and enforcement including salient features of the Fisheries Code, institutional arrangements and the role of PNP and other agencies in coastal law enforcement; basic maritime law enforcement including basic navigation, plotting and use of GPS, boarding techniques and rules of engagement. As a result of the said activity, LGU Basay Team has been reactivated and has been conducting seaborne patrols within their municipality in close coordination with their local PNP. Meeting of PNP-MG, Philippine Navy, BFAR and CLEC to discuss the joint seaborne patrols within the area and the AMPA Project.
November 2013	
06 November	Participated in the CLEC Meeting in Bayawan City. All four municipalities (Siaton, Sta. Catalina, Bayawan City and Basay) were represented and discussed coordination of seaborne operations and clarified roles and responsibilities of each team member. Authorizations for the Fishery Law enforcers signed by their respective Mayors were collected and uniforms provided by the ECOFISH Project were distributed.
07 November	Took part in a radio interview with local media, Bandilyo DYWC regarding ECOFISH project updates and advocacies on coastal resource conservation and protection.
13 November 14 November	Facilitators meeting in Sipalay City to discuss the workshop content, process and templates to be used for the MPA Planning Workshop. The team of facilitators are from the OPA, PEMO and TWG members of the SNCDMC.
18 November 19 November 20 November 21 November	Participated in the conduct of the Management Planning Workshop in Sipalay City. Drafting of management plans for the 4 MPAs were initiated during the workshop. Most of the MPAs were newly established in 2013 hence it is very timely to orient the Management Committees on the concept of coastal resource conservation, management and rehabilitation and the importance of MPAs.
21 November 22 November 23 November 24 November 25 November	Closely coordinated with the concerned LGUs in the conduct of Joint Mobile Registration in Siaton and Bayawan City. This served as a one-stop shop for commercial fishing vessel operators and owners to register their fishing vessels with MARINA, radio equipment with NTC and secure fishing license from BFAR.

25 November 26 November	Participated in the CLUP at Nature's Village Resort in Bacolod City for Hinobaan and other LGUs of Negros Occidental. The CLUP of Hinobaan is in the process of revision after public hearing conducted in July 2013.
27 November 28 November	Coordination meeting with OPA Negros Occidental and PEMO on the ECOFISH counterpart and role in the upcoming 3 rd Provincial Fisherfolk Congress. Prepared proposal on ECOFISH counterpart to the said activity and drafted MKBA profile and update and closely coordinated with Ms. Tinapay on IEC material preparation and logistics needs for the IEC corner.
December 2013	
02 December	Meeting with PNP-MG 702nd Station and BFAR PFO Chiefs on the AMPA Project and discussed collaboration to address coastal law enforcement concerns in South Negros.
11 December 12 December 13 December	Assisted and facilitated in the conduct of the 3 rd Negros Occidental Fisherfolk Summit in partnership with the Province of Negros Occidental, OPA, BFAR Region 6 PFO. This summit is being convened every three years to gather all FARMC Chairpersons and their LGU counterparts to share their experiences, lessons learned and identify gaps and priorities in fisheries management at the same time elect their Provincial Fisherfolk Representative for the next three years. ECOFISH provided presentations to stress the value of registration and licensing in fisheries management and learn more about potential project funding sources for the fisherfolk sector.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for Year 2. Each thematic lead presented the principles, standard processes and steps in rolling out activities for each MKBA. The Site Team with the guidance of the thematic leads were able to identify site specific strategies and activities for Year 2 towards achieving the 10% targets in fish biomass and improved/ better employment. The activity also provided an avenue to discuss administrative concerns.

3.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur

October 2013	
02 October	Meeting with the PAO regarding schedules of the committees and core groups for the formation of the provincial law enforcement task force and the next steps in updating the provincial CRM framework plan. Met with the PAO and BFAR FRMD regarding arrangements for the MPA baseline information assessments to be conducted by UPVFI in focal sites in Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit.
07 October	Provided ECOFISH project updates during the BFAR Caraga planning and budgeting workshop. Moved into new ECOFISH office at the fifth floor of the Yuipco-Lim Building along Borromeo Street in downtown Surigao City.
08 October	Prepared tarpaulin design for the Ocean Bounties Seafood Market and Restaurant's participation in the Fish Conservation Week Celebration.
09 October	Coordinated and prepared communication inviting officers of Surigao City Public Market Fish Vendors Association to the orientation on basic fisheries

	management concept and ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management as part of the Fish Conservation Week Celebration.
10 October	Made preparations for the orientation on basic fisheries management concept and ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management as part of the weeklong Fish Conservation Week celebration.
14 October	Attended and delivered a short message on the participation of ECOFISH Project in the 50th Fish Conservation Week during the opening ceremony.
15 October	Meeting with the Surigao City fish vendors & marine traders on basic fisheries management concept and ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.
16 October	Conducted orientation on basic fisheries management concept and ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management as part of the Fish Conservation Week Celebration and dialogue with fish vendors and marine traders on law enforcement and fisheries-related issues, in cooperation with BFAR FRMD, PFO, QRT, PNP, PNP-MG and the City Public Market Administration. Meeting with PNP Surigao City regarding possible engagement to render illustrations for the raw posters from the law enforcement workshop conducted in the previous month.
17 October	Updated BFAR ARD and Information Office personnel regarding on-going project activities and participation of Ocean Bounties Seafood Market and Restaurant in the fish conservation week by NOT serving seafood for a day within the weeklong celebration.
18 October	Attended closing ceremony of BFAR's Fish Conservation Week Celebration and updated concerned LGUs regarding requirements and arrangements for the MPA baseline assessments in Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit.
22 October	Coordinated preparations for meeting with enumerators of Tourists' Willingness-to-Pay survey in General Luna, Siargao Island.
23 October	Reviewed and submitted accomplished Tourists' Willingness-to-Pay survey forms from enumerators and prepared their allowances for disbursement.
24 October	Met with Provincial Agriculture Office personnel regarding preparations for the review of the existing draft provincial CRM framework plan.
25 October	Facilitated the review of existing draft provincial CRM framework plan, in cooperation with the PAO, PEMO, PPDO of Surigao del Norte, Surigao City ENRO, PNP-PPO, PNP-MG, PCG, BFAR-PFO, BFA-FRMD, and SP.
29 October 30 October	Provided support and coordinated activities for the fabrication of concrete block markers and steel pegs for the MPA baseline assessments.
November 2013	
01 November 02 November 03 November	Coordinated with UPVFI, MAO and POs of Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit regarding the preparation and logistical arrangements for MPA baseline assessment.
04 November	Updated BFAR PFO about schedules and requirements of MPA baseline assessment.
06 November	Met with St. Paul University Planning, Research and Development Director regarding potential partnership between ECOFISH and the university in enhancing its marine course curriculum.

08 November 09 November	Coordinated logistical arrangements with UPVFI, MAOs and POs of Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit in preparation for MPA baseline assessments.
10 November	Assisted the UPVFI team in the delivery of concrete block markers and dive equipment for the MPA baseline assessments in Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit and establishing base at Bahay-Turista in Placer.
11 November	Updated BFAR Regional Director regarding schedules and requirements of the UPVFI for the MPA baseline assessments in Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit.
12 November	Coordinated with St. Paul University for a meeting with UPVFI Team Leader Dr. Willy Campos on possible assistance to the university in beefing up the marine biology curriculum.
14 November	Coordinated schedules of field visits regarding Tourists' Willingness-to-Pay survey in General Luna, Siargao Island.
17 November	Prepared tarpaulin design for community info-sharing re: crown-of-thorns (dap-ag) collection in Sitio Nagubat, Barangay Alambique, Gigaquit.
18 November	Facilitated courtesy call and meeting of UPVFI team with BFAR PFO and BFAR Regional Director regarding updates on the MPA baseline assessments in Surigao City, Tagana-an and Gigaquit.
19 November	Met with Gigaquit MAO personnel and DA-MRDP staff regarding plans for crown-of-thorns (dap-ag) collection in Sitio Nagubat, Barangay Alambique.
20 November	In collaboration with DA-MRDP, PAO, PEMO and the MAO of Gigaquit, conducted info-sharing with community members in Sitio Nagubat regarding the causes and effects of increase in crown-of-thorns starfish in coral reef habitats and how the nearby community may help protect the marine sanctuary.
22 November	Met with Tagana-an Agriculture Technician regarding the schedule and training design for the PCRA and MPA establishment and management in view of the LGU's plan to establish a marine sanctuary in Barangay Fabio.
26 November	Met with Gigaquit Fisheries Technician regarding FARMC consultation on the amendment of existing municipal ordinance integrating Burason Reef as part of existing Nagubat fish sanctuary and the appropriate management arrangement.
27 November	Met with BFAR-FRMD and select mainland and Siargao Island LGUs regarding the draft sailfish management plan.
29 November	Attended meeting of the SP, PEMO, PAO, PNP, PNP-MG, PCG, MARINA and other partners on the creation of provincial CLE Task Force.
December 2013	
02 December	Updated BFAR Caraga PMES, FRMD, and PAO on status of ECOFISH project activities.
03 December	Finalized course content and program of activities for the PCRA in Barangay Fabio, Tagana-an with the PAO and FRMD.
05 December	Assisted the MAO in the MFARMC consultation on the inclusion of Borason Reef in the existing fish sanctuary in Sitio Nagubat, Barangay Alambique, Gigaquit, and provided technical inputs in the resolution of appropriate management arrangement in view of expansion of the sanctuary.

06 December	Presented project updates during BFAR Caraga Year-End Conference in Butuan City and noted comments and observations of BFAR Caraga regarding approval of proposed BuB projects without consulting BFAR Caraga
09 December	Attended organizational meeting with PAO, PEMO, BFAR-FRMD and Agriculture Technician to finalize arrangements and preparations for the PCRA in Barangay Fabio, Tagana-an.
10 December 11 December	Assisted the MAO, BFAR-FRMD, PEMO and PAO in the conduct of PCRA in Barangay Fabio, Tagana-an, in collaboration with the HIPADA-TAG.
13 December	Facilitated briefing with MAO, BFAR-FRMD, PEMO and the PAO on the finalization and processing of the PCRA results to be presented in the succeeding module in January 2014.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for the Surigao del Norte and del Sur MKBA were refined. Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.

3.2.7. Tawi-Tawi

October 2013	
01 October	Planning meeting with BFAR-ARMM PFO on activities to be conducted during the 50 th Fish Conservation Week celebration.
04 October	Coordination meeting with PNP-MG on the scheduled visit to MPAs/Fish Sanctuaries for the AMPA Program.
06 October	Participated in the “Run for Zamboanga” event, initiated by the Provincial Government of Tawi-Tawi and MSU Alumni Association in support of the people in Zamboanga City directly affected by the 3-week siege by MNLF factions.
07 October	Meeting with BFAR-ARMM PFO and LGU officials of South Ubian to discuss details supporting the fisheries programs in the BuB 2014 particularly on the establishment of 3 MPAs. ECOFISH will provide technical assistance in the implementation of the MPA establishment in the municipality.
15 October	Briefing of the Regional Director of PNP-MG on the status of the InfoBoard system in enhancing enforcement operations in Tawi-Tawi and discussed the selection of 3 MPAs for adoption by PNP-MG.
16 October	Received and reviewed data of fish catch monitoring from enumerators.
17 October	Joined the BFAR-ARMM PFO in the IEC campaign for fishers of Barangay Tubig Tanah, Bongao municipality, in observance of the 50 th Fish Conservation Week celebration. Presented MPA benefits and coastal habitat protection.
18 October	Joined the BFAR-ARMM PFO in the IEC campaign for fishers of Barangay Simandagit, Bongao municipality, in observance of the 50 th Fish Conservation Week celebration. Presented MPA benefits and coastal habitat protection.

21 October	Meeting with MPDC of South Ubian municipal officials to discuss the process of MPA establishment and implementation mechanisms.
29 October	Discussed with MFO of Bongao on the need to reorganize the MCLET.
30 October	Received and reviewed data of fish catch monitoring from enumerators.
November 2013	
04 November 05 November 06 November	Provide assistance to PNP-MG on the confiscation of 28 marine turtles apprehended off Sitangkai and Sipangkot. Thirteen of the green and hawksbill turtles were still alive while 15 were already stuffed. Assisted PNP-MG and coordinated with DENR, BFAR and LGU of Bongao for documentation and proper turn over of the 28 marine turtles to the DENR provincial office.
08 November	Joined in the tagging and release of the 13 live marine turtles at Tango Island. This activity was participated by PNP-MG, BFAR, DENR, MSU and local media.
12 November	Attend the CSO Assembly of Panglima Sugala and participated in the BuB process for budget year 2015.
15 November	Conducted meeting with PNP-MG and other partners on AMPA.
18 November 19 November	Participated on the orientation and training of BFAR-ARMM and MARINA on commercial fishing boat admeasurement and registration.
25 November	Attended the provincial launching of FishR in Tawi-Tawi and participated in the hands-on training on the conduct of fisherfolk registration for project implementers.
26 November	Coaching of LGU staff of Bongao on the administration of FishR forms and uploading of data to the BFAR-FIMC server.
December 2013	
02 December	Coordination work with LGUs of Bongao, Simunul and Panglima Sugala on the scheduled MPA baseline assessment to be conducted by UPVFI team.
03 December	Meeting with Bongao LGU regarding alleged use of formalin by fish vendors to preserve fish. Presented the draft plan of activities for FishR implementation to the Municipal Administrator of Bongao LGU.
04 December	Coordinated the courtesy call of UPVFI team to the LGU officials of Bongao and provided logistic support to assist the divers in the MPA baseline assessment survey activities.
09 December	Attended the awarding ceremony of PNP Maritime on their First Philippine Operation Group & Ivory and Illegal Wildlife Trade from DENR-PAWB Manila. Initial dialogue with Bongao Municipal Administrator on the reactivation of Bongao MCLET.
11 December	Conducted meeting and signing of MOU on the AMPA Program of PNP-MG.
14 December	Facilitated a visit to the 3 MPAs adopted by PNP-MG in Lagasan-Pababag MPA and Ungus-Ungus Fish Sanctuary of Bongao, and Batu-Batu-Kulape MPA of Panglima Sugala.
16 December 17 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for the Tawi-Tawi MKBA were refined.

18 December	Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.
19 December	
20 December	
23 December	Creation of TWG for the AMPA Program of PNP-MG.

3.2.8. Verde Island Passage

October 2013	
01 October	Prepared all the MPA related documents of Balayan Bay as well as other relevant information including MPA and Bantay Dagat Network compliance and enforcement and revenue generation through ecotourism.
02 October	Meeting with the Enforcement Specialist and PNP-MG at Camp Crame regarding the training programs for the VIP and the AMPA Program. Provided inputs to the programs and work of Batangas Environmental Response Team and Bantay Dagat Network. Prepared maps at the Manila Office for the MPA Plans in Balayan Bay.
03 October	Participated in the PNP-MG FGD on the AMPA Program, provided inputs on the status of MPAs in the VIP and briefly discussed the MPA MEAT process.
04 October	Dialogue with PNP-MG Station Chief on the updates of the AMPA Program. Provided copies of the MPA plans, municipal ordinance and maps and coordinated with Batangas PPO on Leahy Vetting orientation.
07 October	Participated in the meeting of the agriculture sector particularly on the fisheries programs with MAO and MPDC of Mabini as well as proposed technical assistance being requested from ECOFISH on delineation of water use zones. Team planning, feed backing, and updating with the CRS.
08 October	Meeting with Chief of the Taal Lake NFRDI-NFBS regarding collaborative undertakings particularly on the capacity building and strengthening of San Luis, Taal and Lemery FARMCs.
09 October	Coordinated with PGENRO secretariat and CI-Philippines regarding the seasonal closure for small pelagics framework plan and the agenda for the TWG meeting.
10 October	Meeting with the OPA on ECOFISH updates, proposed MOU with the province and upcoming events. Reviewed and noted the comments of OPA and incorporated in the draft MOU.
14 October	Attended meeting with CI-Philippines Project coordinator regarding the salary and arrangement with the fish catch enumerators.
16 October	Co-facilitated with CI-Philippines the TWG meeting on seasonal closure and sustainable financing activities.
17 October	Assisted PCG-MEPU personnel in the administration of the Leahy Vetting forms.
18 October	Facilitated review of data submitted by the enumerators including the liquidations and disbursement of salaries.

19 October	Attended Barangay Council meeting in San Piro, Balayan. Presented ECOFISH Project and discussed the purpose of the fish catch monitoring. Dialogue with the Barangay Chairman regarding the recruitment of a replacement enumerator and the fishing boat operators' commitment to make fish samples available.
22 October	Meeting with BFAR-PFO regarding the proposed orientation seminar on FAO 196 and EO 305; particularly discussed the identification of participants, resource speakers and training needs.
23 October	Facilitated the administration of Leahy Vetting forms for additional list of uniformed officials.
24 October	Participated in the Barangay council meeting of Anak Dagat, Lemery and presented ECOFISH Project to the council. Provided basic inputs on the importance of data gathering and community participation in the formulation and development of appropriate fisheries management program in Balayan Bay.
25 October	Meeting of MA and MENRO of Taal and discussed the establishment of MPAs and provided guidance particularly on the budgeting which the LGUs plan to incorporate into their 2015 BuB process.
29 October	Discussed with NFRDI-NFBS focal personnel regarding the arrangement for the possible replication of the training on ornamental fish breeding as potential livelihood program.
30 October	Attended and participated in the meeting of the MA regarding the conduct of the municipal wide fisherfolk registration. Provided technical assistance to the MAO personnel on data uploading to BFAR-FIMC server.
November 2013	
04 November	Coordinated with MAs regarding the consultation workshop on BuB and provided assistance to Resource Economist in the preparation of the consultation workshop to incorporate FRM and CRM into the BuB process for 2015.
05 November 06 November	Co-facilitated the briefing of the replacement enumerator on data collection, fish identification, and determination of gonad development for the fish catch survey in support of the seasonal closure.
06 November	Assisted the Resource Economist in the conduct of consultation workshop on "Incorporating FRM and CRM into the BuB Process for 2015".
08 November	Attended post-activity meeting evaluation regarding the consultative workshop and the fish catch monitoring training.
11 November	Meeting with PGENRO and CI-Philippines for the conduct of CLE training for Mabini and Tingloy and finalized counterpart from ECOFISH.
12 November	Participated in the planning with PNP-MG at Camp Crame on the implementation of AMPA. Discussed the MEAT tool as well as provided brief overview of the LGU initiatives related to MPAs in the VIP.
13 November	Assisted Bantay Dagat network secretariat in the preparation for the CLE training particularly on the preparation of training and simulation exercises, availability of the resource speakers, and reproduction of the training hand-outs.

14 November	Provided technical and administrative support to Mabini, Bauan and Tingloy MAs on the use of the BFAR database program for FishR particular the basic operation of web cam and data uploading.
15 November	Coordinated with PNP-MG in Camp Crame regarding the prompt submission of the Leahy Vetting forms. Meeting with the PGENRO regarding the AMPA Program and partnership of PNP-MG and ECOFISH.
18 November	Facilitated team planning regarding the upcoming series of CLE trainings.
19 November	Co-facilitated with the Bantay Dagat Network secretariat the ingress for the CLE training for Mabini and Tingloy.
20 November 22 November	Co-facilitated the coastal law enforcement refresher and orientation seminar for the existing and newly recruited Bantay Dagat of Mabini and Tingloy. Provided technical assistance during the workshop on chart reading and mapping; arrest and seizure as well as seaborne simulation exercises.
22 November	Participated in the USAID CTI project evaluation meeting in Batangas City. Briefed participants on the ECOFISH Project in the VIP and provided inputs on the progress of project implementation.
24 November	Briefing with the Regulatory and Enforcement Specialist to review the CLE training program and provided vital information on the individual capacity and skills of the expected participants.
25 November 26 November 27 November	Co-facilitated the CLE training for the Bantay Dagat Network for Balayan Bay. Provided technical and administrative assistance during the group workshops and seaborne simulation exercises. Assisted the Provincial Prosecutor during the lecture on criminal proceedings and handling of evidence.
28 November 29 November	Co-facilitated the CLE and Reef Ranger training for the Reef Rangers of the Municipality of Lian, Batangas.
December 2013	
02 December	Represented ECOFISH during the PNP-MG graduation exercises as well as the soft launching of the PNP-MG AMPA Program held at PNP-MG SBU facility in Mabini, Batangas. Provided technical assistance to the PPP Specialist during the press conference particularly on the MPAs in the VIP. Attended small meeting with the PPP Specialist and discussed the possible areas and strategies for development of PPP related programs in Balayan Bay.
03 December	Attended and participated in the Network's post evaluation regarding the recent series of CLE trainings. Provided inputs during the discussion.
04 December	Conducted field visit to monitor the data gathering and administration of the on-going fish catch monitoring for seasonal closure.
05 December 06 December 07 December 08 December	Provided technical assistance as resource person of the municipality of Tingloy regarding the fisherfolk registration particularly on the basic computer operation, use of the database including uploading of data. Facilitated meeting with the Bantay Dagat of Tingloy particularly on the validation of the threat mapping and other fisheries related issues.

09 December	Facilitated VIP ECOFISH small group planning workshop with the PGENRO to incorporate the ECOFISH target as well as the fisheries related programs of the Network for harmonization and collaboration.
10 December 11 December 12 December- 13 December	Prepared reports and presentations for the upcoming Training, Reporting and Planning workshop.
16 December 17 December 18 December 19 December 20 December	Participated in the ECOFISH team training to roll out the various activities for year 2 and beyond. Strategies for the Verde Island Passage MKBA were refined. Implementation issues in the MKBAs were tackled and strategies to roll out the year 2 activities were developed and presented.
23 December	Dialogue with the Municipal Tourism Officer of Mabini and Bantay Dagat Coordinator on future collaboration and partnership with the resort owners and operators in Mabini.
27 December	Attended and participated in the small meeting of PNP-MG regarding the AMPA and capacity building for PNP-MG personnel.
28 December 29 December	Conducted dialogue with the ABC chairman and selected bantay dagat members of Bauan, Lemery and Taal and discussed and mapped the issues and threats present in their coastal and marine waters.

4. Important Accomplishments

4.1. Important Accomplishments at National Level

- Launch and implementation of PNP-MG Adopt a Marine Protected Area (AMPA) Program – ECOFISH was instrumental in conceptualizing and designing the implementation of AMPA by providing technical inputs to facilitate program implementation. ECOFISH assisted in the MOA signing with PAWB and BFAR and in formal launching of the Program.
- As a result of the close inter-agency coordination facilitated by ECOFISH, PNP-MG has strengthened ties with LGUs and other agencies in fisheries law enforcement. This has borne fruit in deployment of assets and personnel (e.g. Coron) and in increased enforcement actions (e.g. Tawi and Palawan). Increased law enforcement presence in ECOFISH MKBAs and the rest of the country will expand project impact even with only minimal investment in technical assistance to PNP-MG.
- Regional forum on post-disaster impacts in Bohol greatly helped in increasing LGU and general public understanding of the impacts of the earthquake and Yolanda on marine resources and human security. In a way, this has helped calm the fears of locals. The forum was widely covered by media and was still being discussed over radio days after the event.
- Regional forum (Summit) of provincial fisherfolks in Negros Occidental is regularly organized by the provincial government. ECOFISH took advantage of this event to promote understanding of the use of registration and licensing for fisheries management, as well as to identify options to increase or diversify fisherfolk livelihoods through participation in Bottom-up-Budgeting of the government. The Summit produced resolutions and action agenda for provincial fisherfolk representatives to pursue in the next 3 years. An exhibit on the ECOFISH Project as well as distribution of various information materials on fisheries management was also set up at the summit venue.
- ECOFISH provided technical and IEC support to launch the “AHON! 10,000 boat for 20,000 fisherfolk families” of BFAR to provide fishing boats to fishers affected by typhoon Yolanda. ECOFISH helped conceptualize the program and its implementation, as well as linked BFAR to partners, such as the Cebu Chamber of Commerce.
- Discussions with Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation (CCEF) to continue its role as Secretariat of the newly organized Danajon Double Barrier Reef Management Council (DDBRMC) resulted in submission of a proposal to access the Special Activity Fund (SAF) to support organizational strengthening and capacity building activities of the Council.
- Fisheries management team of ECOFISH conducted training of technical staff of BFAR, NFRDI, MV DA-BFAR, Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 on the analysis of data collected during the recent and previous trawl surveys in the Visayan Sea. The training set a standard procedure for analysis of data from future trawl and other fisheries-independent surveys to be conducted by BFAR and NFRDI.

- ECOFISH provided continued technical assistance to the seasonal closure for small pelagics initiative of the Province of Batangas through the training of personnel in the collection of biological information and advice provided to the TWG, particularly in the understanding of the sustained use of the resources and other benefits from the seasonal closure initiative.
- Already looking into expansion areas of the project, the fisheries resources management team of ECOFISH participated in the Baywide Management Workshop for San Miguel Bay and provided inputs to the planning activities by presenting the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) concept being used by the project.
- The fisheries resources management team of ECOFISH served as resource person during the BFAR Fisheries Resource Management Division (BFAR-FRMD) national consultative conference in Subic and discussed the theory and current science of EAFM with the FRMD staff from all regions. The FRMD staff is in the process of getting into a full appreciation and understanding of EAFM as framework for their fisheries resource management activities in their respective regions.
- The ECOFISH fisheries resources management team participated in the BFAR-NFRDI-NSAP Year-end Review and Planning and presented the framework of the State of the Marine Resource Report (SMRR) and the importance of the role of information generated by NSAP. The NSAP leadership and regional teams fully recognize the need to effectively communicate the stock assessment results to the entire country and this can be done in a consolidated matter through the SMRR.
- The fisheries resources management team of ECOFISH, in collaboration with other fisheries scientists of the country, conducted the training of researchers and faculty members of state universities on Coastal Fisheries Stock Assessment. This is a program of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) to increase and improve the capacity of the scientific community to engage in fisheries stock assessment research and development.
- Socio-economic baselines were analyzed and summarized and the individual and summary reports were initiated.
- Participation in Bottom-up Budgeting work was undertaken in certain MKBAs where the Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams (LPRATs) were more organized and open to ECOFISH participation.
- Coordination meetings were held with DSWD-SLP for potential collaboration in undertaking community partnerships and enterprise development work in MKBAs.
- Discussions and brainstorming sessions were conducted to initiate the enterprise development work in the Southern Negros and Calamianes MKBAs. A lecture on sustainable financing was provided to MPA managers in Sipalay, Negros Occidental, as inputs to their MPA planning work.
- The willingness-to-pay survey among tourists in General Luna, Siargao, Surigao del Norte was conducted.
- Scoping meetings were conducted with the GEF-funded CCRES Project for potential collaboration with ECOFISH in common sites, i.e. VIP and Calamianes.

- Coordination for relief efforts in Calamianes Group of Islands was undertaken both in Manila and on-site, including the conduct of meetings with the MDRRMCs of Culion, Busuanga and Coron. The search for a suitable partner for enterprise development in CIG was initiated during this period.
- A workshop on the formulation of the Socio-Economic Assessment Tool (SEAT) as an accompanying document of the MPA Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT) was conducted together with the Marine Science Institute (MSI) of UP Diliman and WWF. The project provided the initial SEAT framework and led the discussions on determining the set of indicators and sources of data that may be considered in assessing the socio-economic impacts of MPAs around the country.
- Assistance was provided to the PNP-MG in launching the Adopt a Marine Protected Area (AMPA) project, with the understanding that priority will be given to MPAs located in ECOFISH sites.
- The Public-Private Partnership team together with its partners DOST-ICT Office and Microsoft officially oversaw the installation of TV White Space connectivity in Tubigon to support relief efforts in earthquake hit Bohol. The roll out of connectivity to other pilot sites has been fast-tracked.
- The Public-Private Partnership team together with PNP-MG and SMART has now generated consensus and agreement on the technical parameters and roll-out of the partnership “Enhancing Enforcement Operations in Tawi-Tawi and pilot of Infoboard Service” and secured ownership of PNP-MG including the support of BFAR for the partnership.
- The Public-Private Partnership team has officially initiated talks with Hikari-Peter and Paul, and Asian Institute of Management for innovative community-based partnerships for formalization in Year 2.
- ECOFISH Team Training to Roll out the Various Activities for Year 2 and beyond. After the series of inputs from the thematic leads, the Site Teams were able to identify site specific strategies and activities for Year 2 towards achieving the 10% targets in fish biomass and improved or better employment.

4.2. Important Accomplishments at Site Level

4.2.1. Calamianes Island Group

- Meeting with Palawan Governor Jose Alvarez led to the immediate approval of ECOFISH project SEP clearance. During the meeting, the Governor quoted that ECOFISH is helping Palawan and they should not be given a hard time in getting approval. The SEP clearance was approved and signed on October 30, 2013 during the PCSD regular monthly meeting. This clearance system in Palawan is a requirement under Republic Act 7611 (Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan Act), and it was implemented by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD).

- Recognizing the capacity of ECOFISH in assisting the LGU partners in coming up with sustainable fisheries that will alleviate poverty in the municipality, the project has been elected as official member of the Local Poverty Reduction Action Teams (LPRAT) in the two municipalities of Calamianes (Coron and Culion) representing civil society organization. ECOFISH staff actively participated in the local poverty reduction action planning workshop in the municipality of Culion.
- Provided continuing technical assistance in Linapacan, Culion and Busuanga in the formal organization of their CLET. Executive Orders creating the Municipal Wardens have been drafted and reviewed for approval of the local chief executives in the three municipalities of Calamianes. Several meetings with Local Chief PNPs were also conducted to discuss the Leahy vetting and documentation process. An initial discussion with the enforcement team leader of Bantay Coron was held to provide a project brief and enforcement initiatives that have been conducted in Year 1.
- Series of meetings with Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Councils (MDRRMC) in the three municipalities of Calamianes (Coron, Culion and Busuanga) were conducted. These municipalities were badly hit by super typhoon Yolanda. The meetings provided updates on damages and needs of impacted barangays. One of the identified needs is the provision of boat assistance to the fishers, since FishR has not yet started in the three municipalities because orientation was just recently conducted. The LGU wants to tie this up with boat assistance, wherein registration will be conducted simultaneous with distribution of boats. Initial scoping for enterprise development proposal in Calamianes was also undertaken during these meetings. Potential partners in the implementation of enterprise development were identified.
- Provided technical assistance and coaching to the Provincial Agriculturist coordinator and local government unit of Coron and Culion in the orientation of FAO 196 and re-organization of MFARMC in the municipalities.

4.2.2. Danajon Reef

- Facilitated Public Private Sector Partnership with the Department of Science and Technology(DOST) and Microsoft Philippines on the use TV White Space technology for mobile fisherfolk registration. The system was installed ahead of schedule in the Telecommunication Office and Tubigon Community Hospital and served as hub of communication in support of the relief efforts for the earthquake victims. The system was used primarily by the PDRRMC, DSWD, PNP and Tubigon Community Hospital. Request for donations and relief goods from various donors were immediately communicated, responded, and delivered to the affected areas.
- The Assistant Deputy Administrator for Asia Bureau, USAID-Philippines Mission Director, and ECOFISH team conducted a dialogue with the Municipal Officials and stakeholders on the impacts of the earthquake and typhoon Haiyan on the coastal ecosystem and livelihoods. The output of the meeting resulted in USAID's affirmation to support the short-term relief and long-term rehabilitation efforts of the Government of the Philippines, particularly Bohol that was severely affected by a massive earthquake.
- Conducted training workshop on business planning and identified activities for potential livelihood or income generation projects to be supported by public-private sector

partnership. Validations of business plans were done in all of the municipalities in the focal area in Bohol and these are now in the process of finalization.

- MPA underwater baseline assessment was completed but this may need to be done again because the marine habitats were also affected by the earthquake and super typhoon.
- Identified additional sites of MPAs or fish sanctuaries and candidate species for management that need further biological studies.
- Participated in the 50th Fish Conservation Week to nurture the sustained cooperation from the different partners of the project.
- Coordinated with ELAC and TK in the conduct of consultation meeting with the law enforcers, lawyers and judges to enhance the collaborative efforts among the enforcement teams and the partner agencies.
- The Public Forum on Disasters, Climate Change and Marine Biodiversity had enlightened the Boholanos and demystified various phenomena and allayed fears about the earthquake and storm surge. With the gained knowledge and information, the LGUs and other constituents are better guided in their rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the province. The speakers from PHIVOLCS, UPMSI and Project NOAH have successfully provided the forum accurate and timely information. The Provincial government was thankful to USAID BFAR-ECOFISH Project for support in conducting a very informative public forum and making the learning event possible.
- Relief goods donated by ECOFISH were systematically distributed to the most affected families and fishers in the municipalities covered by the project.
- Presented the ECOFISH project overview to the Sangguiniang Bayan of Macrohon, Southern Leyte. Also present were the BFAR-PFO, Municipal Agriculturist, and Agriculture Technician. The project was well-accepted and supported by the SB members.
- Attended and sponsored with the Matalom LGU the monthly IMFARMC meeting in Canigao Island, Matalom. The activity was attended by all LGUs of the 5th District of Leyte and the Letters of Intent from the LGUs of Maasin City and Macrohon of Southern Leyte were received by the IFARMC Alliance Body of the 5th District of Leyte.

4.2.3. Lingayen Gulf

- The signing of MOUs between the ECOFISH Project, its 8 Municipal/City LGU partners and 2 Provincial Governments paves the way for more effective collaboration and participation to address priority issues that require collective efforts. The Lingayen Gulf MKBA will capitalize on these instruments to institute broader and more effective coordination among technical working groups formalized under the MOUs, focus capacity building on a cadre of LGU staff assigned to the project, initiate the organization and strengthening of a Lingayen Gulf alliance as a conduit for ECOFISH technical assistance and policy reforms, utilize the MOUs as a channel for policy advocacy drawn from results of ecological assessments, and draw manpower support to conduct IEC and advocacy on common strategic measures (that include species protection, fisheries licensing and MPA strengthening).

- The inclusion of expansion municipalities in Pangasinan offers the opportunity for the ECOFISH to engage LGUs and evolve a sizeable MPA Network that can be the focus of inter-LGU collaboration. The PNP MG's AMPA Program can then be infused into the overall MPA Network framework. SAF funds are suggested to be utilized to more efficiently engage Pangasinan LGUs.
- A substantial momentum to strengthen coastal law enforcement in all focal LGUs has been generated through the conduct of the Lingayen Gulf CLE Assessment Workshop. The renewed confidence generated needs to be further nurtured by ECOFISH through the conduct of both LGU-specific and MKBA-wide CLE capacity building activities and logistical support.
- The conduct of Fisheries Management Orientation activities for BFAR staff, fish wardens and FAMRCs, with overall participants numbering more than 250, forms a significant core group of fisheries management constituency and ECOFISH can draw assistance from these participants to convey its fisheries management messages and strategic initiatives.
- The Lingayen Gulf MKBA has been able to draw funding support from the BFAR Region 1 and the good rapport between the Project team and its BFAR counterpart needs to be further strengthened as progress towards EAFM is achieved. The Lingayen Gulf MKBA strongly believes that more technical capacity building activities and logistical support, e.g., laptop computer for PFOs and the Coordinator, should be accorded to BFAR staff.

4.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf

- PNP Sorsogon and Northern Samar provincial offices understand and support the project. The two provincial directors look forward to the creation of a province-wide campaign to suppress illegal fishing as violators cross municipal boundaries. But they said that they will take the cue from the political leaders. Forty-one PNP personnel (from the municipalities of San Vicente, Sta. Magdalena, Bulan and Matnog) assigned at the municipal level have already filled up the Leahy vetting form.
- The Sorsogon Provincial Government has recognized the need to coordinate the efforts of municipal governments to control illegal fishing. NGOs in the province support this move. The site team has provided technical input for the drafting of an integrated ordinance.
- MPA sites proposed by the LGUs and communities in the Northern Samar municipalities have been identified and surveyed.

4.2.5. Southern Negros

- With the conduct of the forum on Fisheries Registration, Licensing and Permitting System in Siaton and Basay, Negros Oriental, around 100 municipal and commercial fisherfolk and LGU personnel have a better understanding of fisherfolk, boat and gear registration and how it is different from licensing and permitting systems.

- The Municipality of Basay is a signatory to the MOU for the creation and operation of the 3rd District Coastal Law Enforcement Council (CLEC) in 2006 but was not able to maintain a functional Fishery Law Enforcement Team (FLET) and has not participated in the Joint Seaborne Patrol Program thereafter. However, with the assistance of the project, the LGU has participated in CLE training and the mayor of Basay has authorized 10 trained and new FLET members as fishery law enforcers. Basay FLET has also started carrying out seaborne patrols since December 2013 which is very timely with the start of the fishing season in Southern Negros. Subsequently, newly trained FLET members were also formally authorized by their respective LCEs, 10 from Siaton, 7 from Sta. Catalina and 10 from Bayawan.
- Came up with 4 draft MPA Management Plans for the following MPAs: Campomanes-Ballo Marine Reserve and Sanctuary (CBMRS) in Brgy. IV and Maricalum; Maasin Marine Reserve and Sanctuary (MMRS) in Brgy. Maricalum; Sunken Island Marine Reserve and Sanctuary (SIMRS) in Brgy. IV, and Julien's Wreck Marine Reserve and Sanctuary (JWMRS) Brgy. Cartagena as a result of the Management Planning Workshop in Sipalay City.
- Based on the assessment of BFAR 7, more than 50% of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) commercial fishing vessels (CFVs) in the region are from Southern Negros. The Project has closely coordinated with the concerned LGUs in conducting information dissemination campaigns to CFV owners and operators to participate in the Joint Mobile Registration in November-December 2013.
- Another major accomplishment in December is the conduct of the 3rd Negros Occidental Fisherfolk Summit in partnership with OPA Negros Occidental and BFAR 6. The activity served as an avenue for all FARMC Chairpersons and their LGU counterparts in the province to share their experiences, lessons learned and identify gaps and priorities in fisheries management at the same time elect their Provincial Fisherfolk Representative.

4.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur

- ECOFISH was able to establish rapport with prominent marine traders of Surigao City. This group strongly influences the supply of high value species of marine products in the area and may likely forge partnerships with ECOFISH in ensuring sustainable harvests of marine resources like grouper, lobsters, prawns, crabs and others, from nearby islands and adjacent LGUs.
- Since the Coastal Law Enforcement Baseline Information Assessment Workshop, the uniformed members of law enforcement agencies in the area have been actively participating in most succeeding key activities where their presence is needed. Although there have been re-assignments in the station commands of the PNP-PPO, PNP-MG and the PCG, the newly assigned officials and officers have shown the same interest and cooperation to participate in project implementation.
- ECOFISH has also identified potential sites for EAFM/CRM showcase, namely: Gigaquit and Tagana-an. These two LGUs have so far been showing high level of LGU cooperation and initiative in undertaking CRM and law enforcement and fisheries-related activities during the second semester.

- All baseline information assessments have been accomplished by the fourth quarter, the last being the MPA baseline assessments in three focal sites in (1) Barangay San Isidro, Surigao City, (2) Barangay Opon, Tagana-an, and (3) Sitio Nagubat, Barangay Alambique, Gigaquit. Local partners such as LGUs, PAO, PEMO and BFAR are now looking forward to the final results of these assessments.
- ECOFISH also rolled out field level activities for the MKBA based on very systematic presentations of inputs from the thematic leads during the five-day year-end training and planning workshop. Specific activities and critical variables were identified to fill the gaps and address implementation issues on site.

4.2.7. Tawi-Tawi

- Joined BFAR ARMM Provincial Fisheries Office in the observance of the 50th Fish Conservation Week Celebration through IEC activities and by conducting lectures on MPAs and Coastal and Marine Ecosystems to a group of fisherfolk of Barangays Tubig Tanah and Simandagit, municipality of Bongao.
- Supported the AMPA Program of the PNP Maritime by providing technical assistance in the selection of MPAs to be adopted. Facilitated meeting and coordination with the MPA Management Committees and partner agencies. The three (3) MPAs adopted by PNP-MG are: Lagasan-Pababag MPA and Ungus-Ungus Fish Sanctuary of Bongao municipality, and the Batu-Batu_Kulape MPA of Panglima Sugala municipality.
- Series of meetings was facilitated on the AMPA Program with the PNP-MG, MPA Management Committees, LGUs of Bongao and Panglima Sugala, BFAR, DENR and other partner agencies that resulted to the creation of AMPA TWG and signing of MOU affirming the support of partners in the implementation of the program. The engagement of PNP-MG in the MPA enforcement and management motivated the MPA Management Committees and Bantay Sanctuary in managing their respective fish sanctuaries.
- ECOFISH facilitated and coordinated the visit to MPAs/Fish Sanctuaries by PNP-MG. This effort by the PNP-MG to actively implement the AMPA Program received positive response from the barangay officials, MPA management committees, and bantay sanctuaries.
- Provided technical assistance to the confiscation of 28 marine turtles (hawksbill and green turtles) by PNP-MG during their operation in Sitangkai municipal waters. ECOFISH site team coordinated with concerned agencies like DENR and BFAR on the disposition and turn over of the confiscated sea turtles, 15 were already dead and 13 were tagged by DENR and released at Tango Island.
- The National Fisherfolk Registration Program (FishR) of BFAR was launched in Tawi-Tawi. The event was followed by a hands-on training of BFAR Provincial staff and LGUs on the conduct of the actual registration and upload of data to the BFAR-FIMC server.
- Provided assistance to the Municipal Fisheries Officers and MPDCs of Bongao and Panglima Sugala through an executive briefing with the Municipal Administrator of Bongao and Mayor of Panglima Sugala on the FishR implementation. Both LGUs committed to start the fisherfolk registration in January 2014.

- Completed MPA baseline assessment by UPVFI team. The activity was coordinated well with the respective municipal LGUs and barangay chairmen for site preparation and assistance to the team. The dive in Tonggusong- Maruwa Fish Sanctuary was not completed in some stations due to the strong current in the area.

4.2.8. Verde Island Passage

- Conduct series of CLE trainings which was attended and participated by 9 coastal towns of Batangas, 6 of which belong to the ECOFISH focal area. Provincial Prosecutors Team and the Assistant Provincial Legal Officer participated and expressed their support, vouched free legal cliniquing for the Bantay Dagat, and the provincial prosecutors team expressed their intention to participate in the coming trainings. Bantay dagat participants, PGENRO staff, LGU staff from Mabini and Lian, Municipal Mayor of Mabini, the Mayor and Vice-Mayor of Lian and the Provincial Prosecutor acknowledged the importance of knowledge of the maritime laws, boarding protocols and procedures as well as criminal proceedings.
- The familiarity and expertise of ECOFISH as well as its Network was well-recognized by the partner LGUs making ECOFISH as one of the reputable and highly in demand assisting institution particularly in the field of law enforcement and fish monitoring. It is noteworthy to mention also the influence of ECOFISH in the planning of the partner LGUs for the 2015 BuB program, where several LGUs included the procurement of enforcement equipment in their 2015 program as well as tapping ECOFISH in the conceptualization of revenue generating programs, livelihood development, and establishment of protected areas (e.g. municipalities seeking technical assistance of ECOFISH are Tingloy, Bauan, Taal, and Lemery).
- The continued mentoring of ECOFISH on gonad development and importance of database information in determining the season and the height of the spawning of small pelagic fish species in Balayan Bay provided clearer understanding and appreciation by the members of the TWG (who are all representing the key and major stakeholders in Balayan Bay) of the control and regulatory mechanisms particularly the seasonal closure strategy. Through ECOFISH guidance, representatives of commercial and municipal fishers, MAs, PGENRO are suggesting for an urgent need to have a management system such as, but not limited to, closed season fishing for small pelagic fish species in Balayan Bay (to be supported also with supplemental income generating program during the implementation of any management interventions).
- The Mayors of Lubang and Looc in Occidental Mindoro have expressed their interest and invited ECOFISH to also provide technical assistance in Lubang Island after hearing the Project briefing.

5. Priority Implementation Issues

5.1. Priority Implementation Issues at National Level

- There are now about half a million fisherfolk registered through FishR, about a quarter of the expected number nationwide. The focus of the follow-up support is to link registration to benefits promised by BFAR, such as PhilHealth coverage. The ECOFISH role is to facilitate meetings to map out actions needed.
- NAPC anti-poverty program for fisherfolks appears to be stalled; ECOFISH will follow-up to see if Project support is still needed.
- There is heightened interest in CCA because of typhoon Yolanda. ECOFISH will conduct a national forum on CCA and fisheries together with CI and other partners, focusing on the VIP MKBA.
- Also as a result of typhoon Yolanda, the policy, training, and IEC priorities in Danajon Bank and Calamianes need to be reviewed and adjusted to consider the concerns of LGUs. There is a need to repackage project activities to also be supportive of rehabilitation efforts.
- In line with delays in MOU clearing within USAID brought about by the government shutdown in the US, the Public-Private Partnership team will fast-track the signing and kick-off of the “Species specific assessment of Blue Crab in the Danajon Reef” with PACPI and Bohol Province.
- The project will monitor closely the establishment of TV White Space-based connectivity in the Bohol pilot sites and roll out training and launch of the mobile registration in these sites.
- The ECOFISH team will facilitate the signing of the InfoBoard MOU and the MOU with the Development Academy of the Philippines for PPP training of LGUs currently being reviewed and cleared at USAID.
- The team will accelerate its efforts to organize community partnerships for social enterprise development in close coordination with the ECOFISH Senior Resource Economist.
- The team will continue to provide assistance to relief efforts for typhoon Yolanda-hit areas in Calamianes, especially to community partners. These include partnership development with Hikari-Peter and Paul, and the Philippine Disaster Recovery Foundation.

5.2. Priority Implementation Issues at Site Level

5.2.1. Calamianes Island Group

- The Mayor of Coron has openly expressed her dissatisfaction with the way the ECOFISH Project is being implemented due to her perception that: (1) she is already doing many of the project interventions in Coron that ECOFISH is doing; (2) all that the project does is conduct workshops and meetings; and (3) there is no downloading of funds to the Coron LGU. However, this perception is not shared by members of the municipal council and the rest of municipal government officials. Nevertheless, implementation of planned activities in the municipality might be affected by this perception of the Mayor.

5.2.2. Danajon Reef

- Due to the earthquake that occurred in Bohol, there are activities (such as underwater baseline assessment on MPAs and fishery profiling) that may need to be conducted again.
- LGU and PO partners consider livelihood as their priority as a result of the earthquake.
- Difficulty of reorganizing MCLET because of alternating membership and frequent reassignments of Chiefs of Police and PEDOs.
- Political rivalry in the LMP leadership leads to ineffective implementation by the Coastal Law Enforcement Council.
- There is a dearth technical fishery-related data in the local government units.
- Telephone connection to ECOFISH office is not yet realized due to technical problems after earthquake.
- Fisherfolk registration and data encoding online are still ongoing. Delays to complete registration are due to non-payment of registration fees or lack of financial capacity to pay for fees by the fisher during the registration. Fees include payment for boat and gear according to type and dimensions.
- The primary concern in Maasin City is that no police personnel is specifically assigned to coastal enforcement matters. Police personnel will only be provided upon request by the city agriculturist office or the anti illegal task force.
- Super typhoon struck Tacloban City including the adjacent towns of Leyte. LGUs in the focal site reported minimal structural and agricultural damages except for Baybay, Leyte that reported extensive damage, including coastal communities in the northern area close to Ormoc City.

5.2.3. Lingayen Gulf

- ECOFSH should support BFAR Region 1 in assisting LGUs to complete fisher registration. This can be in the form of advocacy and IEC and the conduct of fisheries management trainings that converges on local management issues. The resulting

interaction can then be utilized as a platform to promote and commence fisheries licensing system.

- The ECOFISH Lingayen Gulf team believes that a more resolute institutional arrangement to draw more substantial BFAR staff participation is pivotal and should be facilitated. Again, it is recognized that providing logistical support to key BFAR staff members can be valuable.
- The scope of work for the proposed academic partner in MPA strengthening should focus more on building resiliency and local commitment as very few new MPAs are anticipated to be established in the MKBA. The assistance should cover logistical support and should always involve BFAR in the conduct of activities. In fact, it is proposed that the BFAR Coordinator and Regional Director be engaged in the SAF selection process.
- The initiation of livelihood support activities in the next quarters is viewed as crucial. Funding for livelihood projects needs to be prioritized.

5.2.4. San Bernardino – Sorsogon Bay – Lagonoy Gulf

- After the election, there is once again a renewed consensus among different sectors and levels for joint efforts to stop illegal fishing in Sorsogon, a public sentiment that encourages optimism.
- There is also resentment by some LGU officials after a BFAR regional official alleged that a number of mayors are on the take from the commercial fishers and the perception that the role of BFAR appears to be ad hoc. So far, BFAR has responded by an offer to post a patrol boat in the province. While this is much to be welcomed, this arrangement seems only for the beginning and temporary. There is a need for LGUs to also take the lead role and in the longer term they should become more independent and invest and acquire their own equipment.
- There is still perception among many politicians that the fisheries problem, in concrete terms the declining catch of municipal fishers, is simply a case of unequal competition with the ringnets. The site team must therefore continue to assist and exert more influence in the SP Agriculture and Fisheries Committee (which has been the convenor of the fisheries management initiative) in order to craft the process that will lead to the development of a mutually accepted and agreed formal program of management. This program should include a legislation and a mechanism to make the inter-LGU effort a more permanent and regular activity. The team must also convince BFAR to play a greater role, particularly in the aspects of technical, scientific and training assistance.
- Mobilization for the establishment of MPAs especially in Sorsogon is also a challenge. After the Butag fish sanctuary in Bulan was created in 2005, fish sanctuaries have come to mean the dislocation of fishers. The site team must conduct proper and sensitive community consultations, balancing the scientific recommendation with the socially acceptable siting and sizing of the no-take zone.
- The completion of the fisherfolk registration is hampered by the LGUs' lack of travel allowance and computers to enable their fisheries technicians to go to remote and island barangays (particularly in Biri and San Vicente). BFAR's offer of payment for every fisher who is registered and the promised reward for the 100 LGUs who can finish first

the registration are, with the exception of Bulan, not a strong enough motivation. Municipal governments presently are not directed by law to provide sufficient funding for a realistic salary and travel allowance of its extension workers. The fisheries technician of Biri for example gets only Php1,500/month as salary. Yet these workers are supposed to be at the frontline in the establishment of a fisheries management regime.

5.2.5. Southern Negros

- Intrusion of commercial fishing vessels in municipal waters remains as the main enforcement issue in South Negros MKBA and strong political support of LCEs and legislative bodies complemented with heightened community awareness on coastal conservation, protection and management are imperative. Logistical support through provision of or leverage funding for CLE are also needed. Nonetheless, the project is also banking on the support of active NGA partners in the area, namely the Philippine Navy, PNP-MG and PCG. With the recent launch of the AMPA, the PNP-MG has been very keen in supporting and collaborating with the Project and LGU partners in the enforcement of control mechanisms for MPAs, at the same time addressing the issue on IUU fishing.
- Still in connection with law enforcement, there are reports of alleged extortion by Hinobaan Fishery Law Enforcement Team and continuing illegal fishing activities in Cauayan. This report needs to be verified by the site team in order to take necessary actions.
- The fisheries sector in South Negros MKBA was also affected by the flooding incident brought about by Typhoon Quedan last October 2013. Many commercial and municipal fishing boats were damaged.
- The PPP Team has reviewed and commented on the draft business plans, which are being finalized with the community partners. So far, only 4 out of eight 8 business plans were returned to the PPP Team in Manila for review. In order to identify the needs of the partners, start-up needs assessment was also facilitated.
- Sta. Catalina LGU has proposed for fish aggregating device (payao) as one of their projects under the BuB in 2013 and has been approved. Likewise, BFAR National Office has delivered 12 more units of payaos intended for LGUs in South Negros MKBA last October 2013. These payaos are intended for hook and line municipal fishers from organized Fisherfolk Associations. Since these will be installed within the municipal waters the site team is quite apprehensive if the LGU and POs are ready to implement such and make sure that only the targeted beneficiaries will benefit from it. In most cases, payaos have greatly benefited commercial fishers which are in fact banned within municipal waters and has significantly increased fishing pressure.

5.2.6. Surigao del Norte and del Sur

- The site team needs to put extra efforts to identify and engage local champions to push for law enforcement and CRM/EAFM and influence local leadership to intensify and

unify law enforcement efforts to effectively address persistent illegal fishing activities in the area.

- Identification of potential service providers capable of assisting LGUs in the establishment and management of MPAs is critical in the coming months of project implementation. BFAR Caraga is currently providing service to LGUs in the form of reef assessments, but needs to enhance capability in the preparation of technical reports. Partnership with recently formed composite team of divers from the HIPADA-TAG, SEDFI and PAO may be explored.
- With the forthcoming socioeconomic activities, NGOs that could assist in community organizing and development need to be identified soon.
- ECOFISH will enhance its involvement in the evaluation of project proposals for BuB funding and further assist BFAR Caraga in identifying more environment-friendly projects for fisherfolk communities in collaboration with LGUs.
- Status of FishR has to be determined as this seemed to have been stalled by many factors after its regional launch in August 2013.
- EAFM Orientation and CRM Planning Workshop for LGUs may have to be conducted immediately as these would serve to level off, establish and update common understanding of CRM/EAFM among LGUs and local partners.

5.2.7. Tawi-Tawi

- Prevalence of poaching of sea turtles in the province based on information gathered by the DENR, PNP-MG and partners. These are being sold by local businessmen (influential people and politicians) to Chinese and Taiwanese vessels directly in Sitangkai and Languyan municipalities.
- Conflict on the management of Lagasan-Pababag MPA wherein an incident of shooting happened between members of Bantay Sanctuary of Lagasan for apprehending a fisher of Barangay Pababag fishing outside the MPA. The newly-elected Chairman of Barangay Pababag knew of the MPA but she wanted to be separated from Lagasan in the management of the MPA in order to avoid conflict with the other barangay.
- Follow up activities for the PPP strategic partnership on the use of InfoBoard technology of Smart Communications in enhancing enforcement operation in Tawi-Tawi were not undertaken due to the peace and order situation in ARMM areas as a result of the three-week Zamboanga siege by a rebel faction of the MNLF in September 2013. Travel to and from Tawi-Tawi resumed only in October 2013.

5.2.8. Verde Island Passage

- The Leahy Vetting protocol is an additional substantive work load, particularly running after the PNP personnel that submitted incomplete data. This also delays other target activities since running after them entails time and additional work, particularly searching for the personnel and coordinating with their mother units.

- Although the recent earthquake and super typhoon did not directly hit the VIP, they likewise affected several activities of the Project (either via cancellation or rescheduling of these activities) because of the unavailability of some staff who were directly affected by the disasters.
- Continuing weak participation and support to project implementation by OPA and BFAR personnel despite close coordination with designated focal personnel from these offices. Despite this, activities were still able to push through and were completed.

6. Schedule of Upcoming Important Activities

January 2014	
06-07 January	Review of the 5-Year Provincial Seaweed Development Plan of Tawi-Tawi
09 January	BFAR ManCom Meeting. ECOFISH Fisheries Management Specialist will serve as resource person to orient the Regional Directors on the basic fisheries resource assessment principles used by the National Stock Assessment Program
10 January	BFAR ManCom Meeting. ECOFISH will present the Year 1 Accomplishment and Year 2 Work Plan.
13 January	MPA concept and AMPA orientation with Calamianes PNP Maritime Group.
15 January	Grassroots Participatory Budgeting Process Workshop for 2015 of LGU Panglima Sugala. ECOFISH site team will attend as member of the LPRAT.
22-24 January	Validation-workshop of MPA MEAT results, Tubigon and Buenavista, Bohol.
23 January	PNP-MG, ECOFISH and SB Coron meeting to solicit support for endorsement of AMPA project in the municipality. Grassroots Participatory Budgeting Process Workshop in Coron. ECOFISH site coordinator will attend as member of LPRAT.
24 January	Evaluation of various researches on sardines in support of the closed season in Zamboanga waters. ECOFISH COP and Fisheries Management Specialist will serve as evaluators. MDRRMC meeting in Coron to discuss rehabilitation and recovery assistance of partner NGOs and private sectors in the municipality. ECOFISH site coordinator and community partnership coordinator will attend the meeting. PNP Regional Maritime Unit (BASULTA) meeting with the new Regional Chief Police Senior Superintendent. Site coordinator to present ECOFISH project framework and updates on AMPA Project implementation and InfoBoard.
27-30 January	Workshop on revisit of draft CFRM plans in Leyte and Southern Leyte
28 January	National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan (NBSAP) meeting. Fisheries Management Specialist and the Governance and Institution Specialist will attend the meeting.
29-31 January	Training on MPA establishment and management in collaboration with the MAO, PEMO, PAO, DENR and BFAR Caraga
30 January	Blue swimming crab partnership kick off meeting.

	ECOFISH Project Orientation for Pangasinan LGUs and Fundamentals of Fisheries Management (Fisheries 101)
February 2014	
01 February	ECOFISH and NFRDI meeting on developing the design for the training of enumerators for the expanded NSAP sites.
04-07 February	Visit of COP and Head, Field Operations to Surigao MKBA
04-13 February	Validation of water use zone and mapping of expansion areas in Calamianes Island Group.
10-13 February	COP visit to South Negros MKBA
11 February	Meeting of ECOFISH Lingayen, SCREMP and Don Mariano Marcos State University to streamline work plans, similar activities and discuss MPA proposal submission
11-13 February	Write-shop to update and finalize the draft Surigao del Norte Provincial CRM Framework Plan in collaboration with the PAO and PEMO.
14 February	Meeting of the TWG of the UNEP-GEF Fisheries Refugia Project.
17-20 February	Enterprise development preparation and series of meetings with partner POs, private sectors and NGOs in Calamianes
20 February	Southern Negros CLEC meeting
21 February	AMPA Orientation with LCEs of Bongao and Panglima Sugala, SB Members, BFAR-ARMM, DENR and PNP Maritime Group
24-26 February	Workshop in Verde Island Passage MKBA to feedback of baseline assessment results and action planning.
26-28 February	NSAP trainors training
27 February	AMPA MOU Signing in Tagana-an in cooperation with BFAR Caraga, DENR, PNP Maritime Group, HIPADA, MAO, PAO and PEMO.
27-28 February	Calamianes MPA and Network Seminar-Workshop, Theme: “Scaling-up of Calamianes MPA Network” and AMPA Project launching
March 2014	
03-14 March	Initial training NSAP activities
03-04 March	Southern Negros Coastal Law Enforcement Operation Planning
03-14 March	Initial training NSAP activities
04-07 March	Training-Workshop on Municipal Fisheries Registration and Licensing in the Calamianes Group of Islands
06-07 March	USAID COR Visit to Southern Negros MKBA Orientation and reorganization of Adjudication Board in Tubigon, Bohol.
10-14 March	Public Forum/workshop: Sharing of ECOFISH Baseline results in Calamianes back to back with training on Coastal Law Enforcement
17 March	Meeting with Tawi-Tawi Provincial Government, PNP Maritime Group, BFAR-ARMM and partners on InfoBoard and AMPA Project launching in Tawi-Tawi
17-20 March	Workshop in Surigao del Norte MKBA to feedback of baseline assessment results and action planning.
17-21 March	Meeting with BFAR Region 8 and other provincial and municipal partners in Leyte and Southern Leyte re: ECOFISH project operation.
19-21 March	Basic Coastal/Fishery Law Enforcement Training, Surigao MKBA.

24-27 March	Workshop in the Lingayen Gulf MKBA to feedback of baseline assessment results and action planning/ CLE Training for LGU partners
25-26 March	Bohol Fisherfolk registration using SuperWifi.
25-27 March	Group uploading of accomplished FishR forms in cooperation with the LGUs of the Surigao Norte focal area
31 March to 03 April	Workshop in the Southern Negros MKBA to feedback of baseline assessment results and action planning.